

Former Magnate Has Good Word For Federal League

Signs Own Death Warrant, So Far as Organized Ball Is Concerned, by Saying He Thinks Federals Have Mighty Good Chance; He Claims, How- That Salaries Are Too High.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Nick Young, for 15 years president of the National League, seems to have signed his own death warrant by venturing the remark some days ago that "I think the Federal league has a mighty fine chance for success."

Each season on the part of the man who presided over the National League shall not go unaverted. In the mind of organized baseball, it is just what method will be used in settling Nick along to the beyond. It shall be as a surprise, strong from the nearest lamp post, gibbeted or fed alive. These are the questions that are being asked by the baseball world. Nick's loving friends and relatives may begin preparing themselves for the morning for the arrival of the old man of baseball.

Young compares Two Leagues. In Washington, he is quoted as saying that the Federal league, as compared with the National League, is just about what the American league was in 1911. That the American league could force recognition from the National League, yet they made a big fight and won out.

Feds Have Good Chance. "The Federal league, despite the fact that they are up against organized and well-informed opposition, seem to have a mighty good chance. Their entry into the field brings about continuous interest in most cities that didn't have it before, and I think that baseball has grown to such an extent that the new league will have a good chance."

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WALZ TEAM LOSES TO PHILPOT TRIO

Binford and Fowler Teams Make Even Break in the Second Match; Fowler Holds High Game.

Duck pin rollers predominated a second time at the Cactus alley Wednesday night when two matches were rolled. Philpot's trio won four points from the Walz team, winning out on team total by a margin of 39 pins. The high game, 191, and Williams total, 274.

Binford and Fowler teams made an even break in the second match. Fowler rolled high game, 190, and Hanson total, 277. The margin was constituted of 15 pins in favor of the Binford trio. The scores:

Philpot team	Binford	Fowler
Philpot	90	82
Binford	73	81
F. J. Tibbitts	73	81
R. Marshall	82	77
Totals	232	232

Walz team	Binford	Fowler
Walz	75	69
M. Senebach	77	73
Roy Anderson	77	73
Chas. Williams	73	70
Totals	232	232

Binford team	Fowler team
O. J. Binford	80
J. Hanson	87
C. Grine	69
Totals	236

Fowler team	Binford team
M. Fowler	100
M. J. Tibbitts	74
W. Campbell	58
Totals	232

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
New York	0	1	.000
Chicago	0	1	.000

Where They Play Friday.

Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Boston at Brooklyn.
New York at Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	0	1.000
Boston	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	0	1	.000

Where They Play Friday.

Cleveland at Chicago.
St. Louis at Detroit.
Philadelphia at New York.
Washington at Boston.

TEXAS LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Beaumont	1	0	1.000
Fort Worth	1	0	1.000
San Antonio	1	0	1.000
Waco	1	0	1.000
Houston	1	0	1.000
Dallas	1	0	1.000
Salvador	1	0	1.000
Austin	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

Houston at Beaumont.
San Antonio at Galveston.
Waco at Dallas.
Austin at Fort Worth.

COAST LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	1	0	1.000
San Diego	1	0	1.000
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000
Portland	1	0	1.000
Oakland	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

Oakland at Portland.
San Francisco at San Diego.
Portland at San Francisco.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION STANDINGS.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Louisville	1	0	1.000
Indianapolis	1	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
St. Paul	1	0	1.000
Minneapolis	1	0	1.000
Columbus	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

Cleveland at Indianapolis.
Columbus at Louisville.
St. Paul at Milwaukee.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At St. Louis	1	0	1.000
At St. Louis	1	0	1.000
At St. Louis	1	0	1.000
At St. Louis	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Fort Worth	1	0	1.000
At Fort Worth	1	0	1.000
At Fort Worth	1	0	1.000
At Fort Worth	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

Fort Worth at Dallas.
Dallas at Fort Worth.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At San Francisco	1	0	1.000
At San Francisco	1	0	1.000
At San Francisco	1	0	1.000
At San Francisco	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

San Francisco at Los Angeles.
Los Angeles at San Francisco.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Buffalo	1	0	1.000
At Buffalo	1	0	1.000
At Buffalo	1	0	1.000
At Buffalo	1	0	1.000

Where They Play Friday.

Buffalo at Baltimore.
Baltimore at Buffalo.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
At Columbus	1	0	1.000
At Columbus	1	0	1.000
At Columbus	1	0	1.000
At Columbus	1	0	1.000

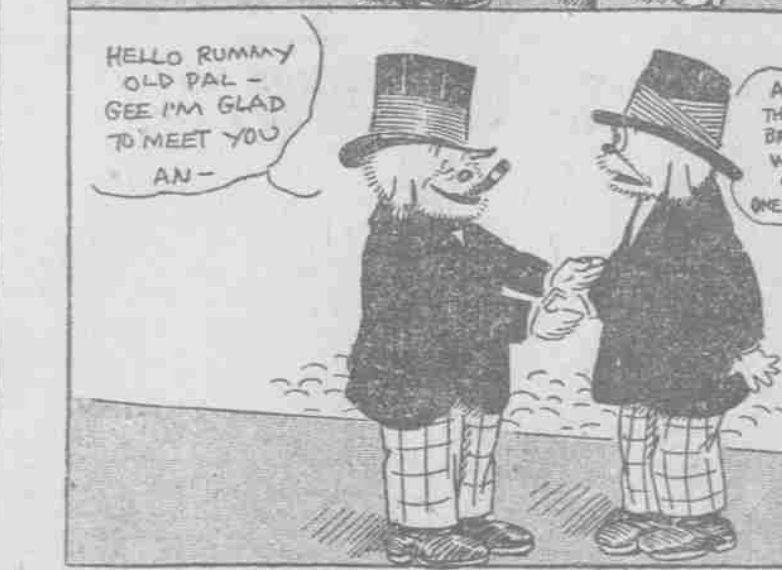
Where They Play Friday.

At Columbus.
Columbus at Columbus.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

At Montgomery-Montgomery, 8; New Orleans, 11.

The Judge Has a New Hat



\$100,000 Blow Might Hurt Feds
Magnates Have Best Of Argument

BY JOHN E. WRAY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 15.—An expenditure of \$100,000 by the major league baseball magnates will suffice to deal the Federal league a serious blow under the ruling made by Judge Sessions of Grand Rapids, Mich., when he handed down a verdict denying the Chicago Feds a restraining order in the case of William Killefer.

The judge, in handing down his opinion, stated that while the Killefer-Philadelphia contract of 1913 would not bind either party, it was a contract, and that the Federal league, by offering inducements to players, was in violation of the contract.

The judge further put shackles on the 1913 reservation entered away by Federal officers of money, and return to the team that had previously reserved them.

It is up to organized baseball to say whether the Federal league is to be allowed to jump back to Philadelphia for \$500 per player. Probably the reserved players were the ones who were to be paid \$500 additional, and adding to each one \$500 additional, organized baseball would probably be able to win back the greater number of "jumpers."

So far as now appears, the regular forces of baseball appear to have achieved a significant victory. The Federal league, which provided an appeal of the Killefer case, has been denied it. The Federal league, which provided an appeal of the Killefer case, has been denied it.

The judge's opinion makes it plain that: Any player tempted from the rank of organized baseball by the Federal league, under the terms of 1913, can return to organized baseball, even though he has signed a Federal contract.

A moral obligation exists among contract players, even where clauses of the contract render it invalid to him either party. The Federal league, which provided an appeal of the Killefer case, has been denied it.

Every baseball fan in St. Louis is wondering what the status of Hamilton, who recently jumped to a 1913 contract, will be. The Federal league, which provided an appeal of the Killefer case, has been denied it.

Hamilton, the ballplayer and president Hedges, drove 23 miles from Oswego to Columbus, Mo., in a motor car to take the train to St. Louis. Hamilton's father, enlisted by Hedges, really was the high influence in his returning to the American league.

STOVALL HAD ALLOWED HAMILTON TO GO HOME. Kansas City, Mo., April 15.—George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federal league club, who induced Hamilton to leave the St. Louis team last week, granted Hamilton permission to go to his home in Oswego last Sunday night. Stovall said the pitcher agreed to return Wednesday night and was slated to pitch the opening game between the Chicago and Kansas City Federal league. To induce Hamilton to sign with the Federal league, Stovall gave him a \$500 bonus and three year contract for a total of \$12,000.

CHICAGO TEAM HAS WON TWO GAMES FROM CLEVELAND. Chicago, Ill., April 15.—Timely hitting, coupled with the sensational pitching of Weaver, enabled the Chicago Americans to make it two straight from Cleveland Wednesday, winning 2 to 1. The game was pitchers' battle between Ciochetti and Stoen. Ciochetti pitched the better ball in the pitcher's box.

In the seventh inning pitcher Stoen was hit on the knuckle of his pitching hand by Ciochetti and was compelled to retire. It was said after the game that it would be some time before he could play again.

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"STORIES ABOUT STARS"
Humorous and Serious Tales of the Ball Field

By BILLY EVANS.

IN HIS day Nick Altrock was one of the greatest southpaws. The business pitchers with more stuff there were many, but few pitchers who could win with the consistency of Altrock. Nick always pitched with his head as well as his arm. He had a heart of oak, and a motion to first base that kept the runner guessing the best of it. It was next to impossible to steal on him. To sum it all up, Altrock knew how to pitch. Pitchers with all kinds of stuff often fail, simply because they don't know how to pitch.

To the average fan of today, Altrock means nothing as a player. Nick to him is purely some amusement with antics on the coaching lines and his comical type of playing first base. They regard Altrock purely in the light of a baseball comedian. The public of course cannot be blamed for such an opinion, for it is only in the comedy roles now that Nick shows to advantage. Manager Griffith, however, carries Altrock for more than his coaching ability. There is no denying the fact that he aided greatly in the development of Joe Mauer, the sensational young southpaw. He has also been of much value in taking the rough shape of the other young pitchers.

Always a Good Fellow. Altrock during entire career has always been a good fellow. He has perhaps been the most popular player on the team. He was a free spender always enjoying life. Nick found it a very easy matter to get into the clubhouse. There are some players who, if they had made as much money as Nick, wouldn't need worry, but Nick will never rival any of the great capitalists. Perhaps nothing better illustrates this point than a remark I heard Altrock make last summer. Jack Ryan and I were strolling down Pennsylvania avenue in Washington. We happened into Nick, who looked as if he were a millionaire. He was wearing a \$100 suit, a \$100 hat, and a \$100 watch. He was walking in a \$100 car. He was a millionaire.

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WHO IS HE?

WE HAVE here a young man who spent the early days of his life trying to get away from a chicken farm out in the middle west. His father had been city engineer of one of our largest cities, and when he died the orphan boy had nothing left him but the chicken farm.

While visiting in the city where his father formerly lived, one summer afternoon, this lanky youth was asked to take part in a ball game to be played between two amateur teams. It was a great opportunity for him, and he made so good that the manager offered to pay him \$10 if he would come up and pitch every Saturday.

Before the end of the season any number of baseball scouts were after him. He finally saw a chance to escape from the chicken farm and signed with a well known manager to pitch in a town that is now prominent in the Federal league.

On his first day in the minor league grounds the official scorer sent a messenger to the bench to get the young fellow's name. On his way back the boy got a name mixed up, and from that day to this our hero has had to play under a name that is really not his own. He has tried in vain to make baseball writers take his real name seriously, but there is nothing doing.

Needless to say, the subject of this sketch is a pitcher. In that minor league he pitched his club to victory so many times that he became the sensation of the middle west. He had such terrific speed that his strikeouts always ran in two figures.

At the end of the season big league scouts flocked to the minor league town where our young man pitched and enormous offers were made for his services. One club finally made a figure so large that it astounded the minor league manager, and the deal was closed.

Coming into the big league, this rather extraordinary young man became unduly conscious of his ability, and did so badly that he almost blew the job. He lost control, and there was a standing bet among the players that, with a week's practice, he could not hit the ground with his bat. But he did. Not only did he hit the ground with his bat, but he hit the high water mark in baseball records, and has put up a mark that other stars may shoot at for years without success.

We could go a little further and tell you something about this modest hero's ability as a tragedian or a comedian, but it might tip our mitt.

Our hero has a boy who is expected some day to be as great a pitcher as his father.

Who is he?

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The baseball player who was the hero of yesterday's story is Nap Rucker, star of the Brooklyn pitching staff.